

**But the Lord Said, "Go..."** (Acts 9:10-18)

*God Interrupts Our Complacency*

Proposition: Every child of God can allow God to interrupt their life by following this example in the life of Ananias.

- I. Ananias was Aware of the Lord's Communication (Vs. 10)
  - A. He was a Follower of God's Prescribed Commands (Vs. 10a)
  - B. He was Faithful to God's Personal Call (Vs. 10b)
- II. Ananias did Admit His Own Concerns (Vs. 11-14)
  - A. His Concerns over Destruction (Vs. 13)
  - B. His Concerns of Danger (Vs. 14)
- III. Ananias was Attended by the Lord's Comfort (Vs. 15-16)
  - A. He was Comforted by God's Provision (Vs. 15)
  - B. He was Comforted by God's Plan (Vs. 16)
- IV. Ananias did Assert His Own Conformity (Vs. 17-18)
  - A. He showed Conformity in His Departure (Vs. 17a)
  - B. He showed Conformity in His Demonstration (Vs. 17b)
  - C. He showed Conformity in His Dependence (Vs. 18)

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God interrupts our Complacency - Question  
how often have you heard a personal  
anecdote started out by the phrase "So  
I was there minding my own business  
when..." If Ananias were here to tell  
his story, I imagine he would start  
out that way. "I was there minding my own  
business, bumping along, complacent,  
when God just hit in. Complacency is  
something every believer has to guard  
against. We tend toward complacency.  
Swindoll describes in an essay of His  
But there is nothing like God to interrupt  
our complacency. God desires us to be  
stirred and renewed. Every child of God

1. Ananias Was Aware of the Lord's Commandments. In the illustrated children's bible  
I read to the kids, Ananias is in a workshop  
sawing some wood, eyes raised upwards, are you talk  
A. He was a follower of God's Prescribed  
Commands - vs 10. Ananias was a church  
a follower of Jesus. Ananias had  
followed the announced, professed  
or prescribed way. The Revealed word  
of God had penetrated into his life and  
now he was a learner, a pupil, a disciple  
of the ways of God. 1 John 1:7 j.d.b. How can  
we walk as He walked? God has given us



his word! (Lev 22:2) Says He was a devout man  
B. He was Faithful to God's Personal Call  
(10b) - God calls personally to him "Ananias"  
Ananias didn't hide or ignore this  
call. Behold "I am here" Lord. What a response  
Behold "Look Lord" A presentation of  
self. Lord I am here and available to  
your call. This response is the response  
of men used greatly for God. In Ge 22:1  
Abraham "Behold here am I" Gen 31:11 Jacob "Here am  
I" Ex 3:4 - Moses "Here am I" Samuel 3:4. Heed

11. Ananias did Admit His Own Concerns  
One of the most wonderful aspects of God was  
its honesty. With the personal call to Moses  
there were questions. Jeremiah <sup>5</sup> Questions. B 103:14

A. His Concerns over Destruction -  
God asks the unthinkable, to go to a  
murderous, vicious man, who is reeking  
havoc on the his own people and heal him!  
Ananias was well aware of Saul's ram-  
page. His heart broken over what is happening  
to his brothers + sisters in Jerusalem. Could he  
that this destructive rampage was a matter  
of deep prayer. Lord do you want me to help  
him. We need to hinder. Are you concerned for  
church?

B. His Concerns of Danger - Ah...  
God, he's throwing folks like me in  
jail. Disciples like me, followers  
of you in his deadly crosshairs. He's

1) ...essay of his ""Always evaluating where we've been...always reacting...searching for ways to settle in and find comfort on our sofa-like surroundings...yawning...slumbering in the sleepy, warm twilight of sundown...finding a great deal of security in the mediocrity and predictability of sameness...We are like chatty, laughing tourists taking snapshots of the lowlands through rose-colored filters...enjoying today's lull...we are yesterday-dwellers...avoiding the reality of today..."

2) ...God can allow God to interrupt their life by following this example in the life of Ananias.

3) 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

4) In Isaiah 6:8 in response to the question of God "Who will go for us?" Isaiah said Here am I Lord send me! When we listen to the prescribed will of God in the Word of God, then that personal call will ring clear to us, interrupting our complacency.

5) Psalms 103:14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

ways, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he

will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

1) Isaiah 55:7-8 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the

unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the

LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he

will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

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2) ...the end from the beginning. Job 23:10 But he knoweth the

way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as

gold. 1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who

also will do it. 2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in

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seeking for me. I don't need to be seeking for him. Lord you are asking me to do something completely outside my logic. Oh but so often God calls us out of our complacency out side of our ability to see his ability. Is 55:7-8

III. Ananias was Attended by the Lord's Comfort. It is important to note that just because Ananias questioned, does not mean that he stopped being useful, No God strength

A. He was Comforted by God's Provision

The prefix Pro is Latin for forward or ahead. Vision means to see. God forward vision is here the comfort to Ananias' heart. I've seen ahead

Ananias. I've chosen him and although you don't see ahead like I do he is a chooser vessel so he used mightily for my sake. Abraham offer your son you don't

Know I got a ram walking up backside He sees the end B. He was Comforted by God's Plan - When

he sees the future through his providence then he connects to it by our fulfilling his step-by-step plan. Ananias, the

first step forward toward God expects in the Kingdom of God through this man is for you to simply step out side your door. What if Ananias had said no. Could it be that we would know so little

about God's plan and God's call

through Jesus Christ. Most of our sinners.

#### IV. Ananias did assert His Own Conformity

So much hung in the balance that <sup>(1)</sup>moment that Ananias could not have even dreamed of and

A. He showed Conformity in His Departure  
Now I want you to know that Ananias

going to Damascus to see Saul of Tarsus is like you being called to go to an apartment complex in Dallas to find Osama Bin Laden. Unthinkable to most, but the clear command of God.

He conformed obediently in walking out the door.

B. He showed Conformity in His Demonstration

Not only did he go but he did exactly what God told him to do. He commenced what God wanted him to commence.

He demonstrated what God wanted him to demonstrate. Oh how God longs for obedient servants today like Ananias. Do you like

C. He showed Conformity in His Dependence

We have no indication in God's word that Ananias had ever done something like this before. I don't believe healing power was inherent in the touch of any man, but was solely the power of God through obedient vessels. Ananias was dependent on <sup>(3)</sup>God.

V. Closing. A W Tozer said "Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Maybe you came here today minding your own business when God is calling. Maybe lost.

1) ...dreamed of and there are the words of Vs. 17...

2) ...your life demonstrate a conformity to the prescribed call and the personal call God has on your life.

3) ...dependent on God alone for protection and power. What a lesson for us.